



Dear Parents / Carers,

A normal week you we thought, a 5 day one where things are back to normal we thought, who were we kidding??????

That's the fun of The Orchard though 😊. Here are some highlights from our fab, fun, busy and bustling week.

Reception children have been thinking about the structure of a story through reading the wonderful book **"Whatever Next!"**. Through words and pictures, they planned their own beginning, middle and ends to create their own **"Whatever Next!"** story. Through their free flow activities, they have continued with their space theme and made split-pin astronauts and binoculars and built and played in space rockets.

Year One have been busy making their buses in their Design & Technology project using axles and wheels and we are looking to completing all the finishing touches off next week. They have also been learning how to count up in 2, 5 and 10s and have started learning about the value of money. Watch our parents...they will be after your wallets. **Whatever next!**

Year 2 were all superstars this week. They completed their end of Key Stage SATs in reading and maths and even though we know that SATs don't make the child we all were hoping that they were able to do their best. They were so calm and sensible and really took it all in their stride. They were a real credit to their teachers and their families and I could see how confident and composed they were. Their resilience was evident. Well done to all of them. Thank you to their teachers and other supporting adults at school and to all our parents for their support as well. Well done Year 2! **Whatever next!**

Yesterday we had our class photos and fortunately the sun was out and we were able to have them taken outside. The children looked very smart. You can purchase the class photo using the card that was sent home in book bags yesterday and scanning in the QR code.

Today we celebrated World Day for Culture and Diversity. The children shared so many wonderful things in their classes and it was very interesting to hear about all the diverse backgrounds and family traditions we have in our school. Thank you to all those children that shared with us today. We were treated to all sort of special things such as photos, traditional clothes, food, books, statues, toys and games. It was great to get a closer glimpse of our Orchard families' lives.



Children from Oak Class

Parents, please can I ask you to make sure that children do not use the play trails in the Year 1&2 playground or in the Reception area before and after school? As tempting as it is, children **must not** use them unless they are being supervised by a member of staff.

We ask that you as parents support us in this rule.

There have been a number of children wearing nail polish and temporary tattoos to school. This is not part of our uniform and we ask that children have these removed before they come to school. The tattoos especially are surprisingly distracting and many-a-time a child has been asked to stop displaying their tattoo for others to see or to stop picking at in the middle of a lesson when they should have been focusing on their learning.

Finally, there is a build-up of lost property in our school entrance. If your child has missing items, please check the table that will be set up out by the cake sale on Monday next week. Please continue to make sure that items are named so that we can return items easily to the children. Names written in pen on clothing labels are definitely fading in many a jumper or cardigan so please check them and rewrite them in if necessary. Thank you.

I am looking forward to seeing some of you at our PTA Quiz Night later and hope to bump into some of you at the St Lawrence May Fair tomorrow as well. **Whatever next!**

Wishing you a lovely weekend.
Mrs Cary

Dates for the Diary

Friday 19th May

PTA: Quiz Night



Saturday 20th May

St Lawrence May Fair

11am -2pm



Monday 22nd May

Reception Bake Sale



w/c Monday 22nd May

Year 1 Dance Residency



Friday 26th May

Year 1 Class Dance Performance



Willow – 1:30pm

Maple – 2:00pm

Rowan – 2:30pm

Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June



Bank Holiday Monday 29th May 2023

Monday 5th June



Tuesday 6th June

Summer 2 begins



Tuesday 6th June

Parent Safeguarding Talk



Tuesday 9th June

Year 2 and Year 5 Sports Day at St Lawrence



(Monday 19th June - Back up date)

Tuesday 13th June

Messy Church @ St Paul's Church



Friday 16th June

Orchard Sports Morning



(Tuesday 23rd June - Back up date)

Wednesday 21st June

World Music Day

Orchard Choir Trip to the
Elmbridge Schools Choir Festival



Saturday 24th June

Orchard Summer Fair

12noon – 3pm





Kindness Awards

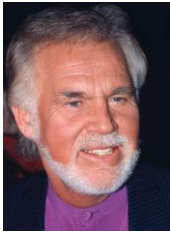


Reception		Year 1		Year 2	
Ash	Ivy	Maple	Olivia	Beech	Evie
Elm	Alexander	Rowan	Niamh	Oak	Joshua
Holly	Anoush	Willow	Frank	Sycamore	Luca
	Pine		Louis		

A big shout out to **Zara in Sycamore Class** as I noticed that I had omitted her name in the newsletter last week.

Thank you for being so kind everyone!

Artist of the Week: Kenny Rogers



American born Kenny Rogers came from a large family with seven brothers and sisters. He was a singer, songwriter and actor and his music includes jazz, folk, psychedelic rock and country. He also created a chicken and ribs restaurant chain called Kenny Rogers Roasters.



Apparently, his goat Smitty was a calming influence on him when he got back from his very long and stressful tours.

Whatever Next!

Listen to his amazing music here: <https://open.spotify.com/playlist/2vnbScJQsg18S8UvblY6K6?si=75cb56b0a9bf4656>

Employment opportunities

If you, or someone you know, is interested in working in our Afterschool Club from September 2023, please get in touch with the school office:

office@orchard.surrey.sch.uk



Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club



Don't forget that you can book session at our breakfast club and after school club using the booking register which can be found on your Parentmail account.

See you at the Quiz Night later!

